

# THE REHEARSAL.

1. The *English Dissenters* are *Worse* than the *Scots-Presbyterians*.
2. The *Fury* they have shew'd against the *Church*.
3. At the same time that they *Coxe* and *Flatter* her:
4. The *Embleme Sign* at *Stoke in Suffolk*.
5. How they make the *Levites* to be *Murderers*.
6. And urge the *Example of Moses* against *Divine Right*.
7. *Explanatory Verses* upon the *Embleme*.
8. Excuse that the *Embleme* was made by *High-Church*, but the *Verses* by *Non-Con*.
9. The *Embleme* too was made by *Non-Con*, on purpose to put it upon the *Church*.
10. They make a *Trade* of this *Practise*.
11. Which shews their *Designs*.
12. Their *Moderation* will never be *Forgotten*. The *Monster of Monsters*.
13. But they will be *Guilty* of it no more.

WEDNESDAY, February 19. 1706.

(1.) Country-man, **Y**OU have in your last, *Master*, made a *Monster* of our *English Dissenters*, the strangest Creatures in the World! *Worse* (because not *Seemingly* so *Bad*) than even the *Furious Scots Presbyterians*.

*Rehearsal*. If they are as *Furious* as the *Scots Presbyterians*, but put a better *Face* upon it, to *Deceive* Us the more, then they are *Worse* and more *Dangerous* for that. And all the Difference is, That the *Scots Presbyterians* are in *Power*, and *Shew* themselves: But the *English Dissenters* would fain *Gain* the same *Power*, and then, no Doubt, would *Shew* themselves to the Full, as they did *Before*!

(2.) Country-m. Methinks they have *Shew'd* themselves already, if we may take a *Measure* of them by the Multitude of *Books* and *Pamphlets* they have *Printed*; of which you have taken Notice through the whole Course of these *Papers*, and which first put you upon this uneasy *Task*; all you have *Wrote* being in Answer to their *Furious* and most *Spiteful* *Libels*. And you have made it fully *Appear*, That no *Church*, while it was *Established* by the *Law* of the *Land*, was ever so openly *Attack'd*, *Buffoon'd*, and *Threatn'd*, as the *Church* of *England* has been by our *Dissenters* of *Late Years*; and more since they had a *Toleration* than before.

(3.) *Rehears*. This shews their *Gratitude*, and what use they make of *Favours*! But now to give you a full *View* of this *Monster of Hypocrisy*, at the same time that they are *Throwing* out all the *Spite* and *Venom* that *Malice* can *Suggest* against the *Church* of *England*, they *Pretend* to *Coxe* and *Sooth* her, they say that her *Episcopacy*, *Liturgy*, and all her *Rites* and *Ceremonies* are *Lawful*

and *Innocent* things, and that there is no *Sin* in them; And therefore that they Can *Communicate* with her without any *Scruple* or *Offence* of *Conscience*, for that her *Doctrin* is *Good*, and no *Harm* in the other things, why then shou'd they not *Communicate* with her? Which is a *Good Reason*, but the *True Reason*, is, That they may be capable of *Place* and get into *Power*. For as soon as they have thus *Qualify'd* themselves, they *Turn* their *Back* upon the *Church*, and *Thrust* out the *Tongue* at her, and *Pelt* her with virulent *Invectives*, and *Print* them all over the *Nation*! They *Encourage* and *Maintain* a *Set* of *Scriblers*, in *Prose* and in *Verse*, tho' without *Sense* or *Rhime*, to *Blacken* her in the *Filiest* Manner, and *Fright* all Men from her *Communion*, to *Represent* her *Episcopacy* as a *Rag* of the *Whore*, and her *Clergy* as the *Greatest Monsters* upon *Earth*; her *Liturgy* as *Moss* in *English*, and her *Ceremonies* as *Popish*, nay *Heathenish*? They *Prophesie* her *Destruction*, and make *Pictures* of her a *Tumbling* down, with the *Whiggs* and *Dissenters* a *Laughing* at the *Bishops* and *Clergy* who wou'd *Support* her, and *Crying*,

*Blest be the Hands* shall *Rase* her to the *Ground*. And these *Emblems* are *Hawk'd* and *Sold* in our *Streets*. And the *Observer* makes *Learn'd* *Comments* upon them. And *Advertises* them in his *Papers*, by whom *Printed*, and where to be *Sold*. As in his of the 17th *July* last, *Vol. 5. N. 35*.

(4.) Country-m. But there he tells you it was an *High-Church Hieroglyphick*, *Represented* in the *Sign* of the *Embleme*, put up at an *Inn* in *Stoke* by *Naland* in *Suffolk*, to *Expose* the *Danger* of the *Church*.

*Rehears*. Was it *High-Church* too that wrote the *Verses* under it, Call'd, *An Explanation of the Embleme*? Which makes the *Basis* of the *Church* to be laid by *Murdering CAIN*, and *Murdering LEVITES*.

(5.) *Country-m.* How came they to call the *LEVITES* Murderers too? Did they Murder any Body?

*Rehears.* They Killed about 3000 Men, by the Express Command of God, for the Sin of the Golden Calf. Which *Moses* call'd Consecrating themselves to the Lord, that He might Bestow a Blessing upon them. *Exod. xxxii. 29.* But these Men call it Murder, as being done by the Arbitrary Command of their King, without due Trial at Law, contrary to the *Horeb-Contract*, which gave not such Unlimited Power to God, when they Chose Him to be their King!

(6.) And the suppos'd Author of these Verses (the *Rhimer* in Ordinary to the Party) in his Review Vol. 2. N. 82. p. 326. Gives this same Instance of *Moses* his Administration, to Fright Men from Arbitrary Government, and to shew the Danger of having Government Derive its Power from God! The same Argument that was made use of against *Moses* and *Aaron*, after the Earth had Open'd and Swallow'd up *Korah*, *Dathan* and *Abiram*, with their *Rebellious* Company, other Muteneers got up, and said, ye have slain the People of the Lord. For which God smote 14700 of them by a new Plague. And then they were Quiet, till the next time—Which shews how Hard it is to Govern a Stubborn and Unruly People; And that Severity must sometimes be made use of to make Men Submit to the Government even of God Himself! And that the Fault is not always in the Governors.

(7.) But to return to our Embleme. Was it the High-Church that would have the Church laid Low, even to the Ground? And that Fixt her Foundation in Sulphurous STIX? As these Verses do. And says in Plain Terms, That the Church is the Work the Devils own Hands have made. And Bishops being Painted in their Lawn Sleeves propping up the Church, the Explanation says thus,

Next view its Sons, the Buttreffes of the Dome,  
How they with Zeal to its Assistance come;  
With Brawny Shoulders Strive to Underprop,  
And keep the vast declining Fabrick up.

See the Non-Cons, and Moderat-Churchmen Laugh,  
To find themselves by High-Church Fall more safe.  
Thus Virtue thrives when Vice is most supprest,  
And Hell restrain'd adds Numbers to the Blest.

Let High-Church stand, or let it Tumble down,  
It's Peoples Folly in their Motto's shown,  
Who take a Rising for a Setting Sun.

For in the Embleme the Sun over the Church is Setting, with these words over it, *We shall Rise.* But the Sun of the Non-Cons is High up in the Meridian over their Heads, with these Words over it, *We are Risen.*

(8.) *Country-m.* We cannot Suppose it was High-Church made these Explanatory Verses, but the Non-Cons made them to Expose the Embleme which they say the High-Church had made, to Represent the Church as in Danger and Tumbling down, after all the Assurances of the Queen and the Parliament

to the Contrary; And so to 'be an High Reflection upon her Majesty and the Government, by High-Church.

(9.) *Rehears.* Would this Excuse the Non-Cons for making the Devil the Founder of our Church? Is this their Moderation!

But now *Country-man*, I'll tell you, Both the Embleme and the Verses upon it are their own. For Inquiry was made at the Affizes into this Matter, it having made so Great a Noise; and no such Sign as this Embleme was to be found at Stoke, or ever had been there, or any where else. And the Grand Jury Presented this Embleme as utterly False and a Scandal upon their Country.

(10.) *Country-m.* O, out upon them for Rogues! Rogues all! This is like their Shortest way, and several other Books and Papers which you have before (*Num. 94.*) shew'd they wrote Themselves on Purpose to put them upon High-Church, and then Expos'd the Church for them. I see they make a Trade of it. But since the *Observer* in his Advertisement of this Embleme, has told us who Printed it, with the Names of the Book-Seller (even his own) and the Publisher, methinks it shoud be Easy to find out the Author.

(11.) *Rehears.* I have nothing to do with these things. I am neither an Informer nor a Prosecutor. Tho' I fancy there are others would not have come off so Easily, if they had been found Tripping in so Malicious a Forgery. My Design is only to shew the Inside and Heart of the Party, how they Treat the Church at the same time that they Pretend to Court her, and to Conform to her Communion, in Obedience to the Corporation and Test Acts. And what we may Expect from them, if these Acts were once taken out of the way.

(12.) Tho' if they were Remov'd to morrow, their Hypocrisy (which they call their Moderation) in Eluding these Acts as they have done, by their Occasional Conformity, will Remain a Perpetual Blot upon them to the End of the World. And their Maintaining it upon Principle, has, as I said before, Separated them from even their Dear Brethren in Scotland; as their making a Schism from under a Protestant Episcopacy, Separats both them and the Scots-Presbyterians from all the Reform'd Churches Abroad. So that the Presbyterians of Great Britain and Ireland are a Monster to the Reformation; and the Presbyterians of England are a Monster of that Monster. A two-Fac'd MONSTER That Sneers with one Side of his Mouth, and Grins with the other!

(13.) *Country-m.* And all this is Come upon them by what they call their Moderation! Well, Master, Forgive them for this time, if they could get Rid of the Corporation and Test-Acts, I'll give you my Word for them, That they will never be Moderat any More. And so they Bid me tell you.

*Rehears.* I will take their word for this and much more! None can Charge them with Breach of Promise of this sort. But Seeing is Believing all the World over. And then—

Who would have Thought it!